



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Marine Cpl. Kevin M. Clarke, of Tinley Park, was
3 killed in action by small-arms fire in Qaim, in western Iraq
4 near the Syrian border, on February 19, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California,
6 where he spent last summer before returning to Iraq for his
7 second deployment as a rifle team leader with the 1st
8 Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment; he was scheduled to return home
9 in March 2005; and

10 WHEREAS, He was a 2002 Andrew High School graduate who will
11 be remembered by his many friends as a strong, talented athlete
12 with a big, warm personality; he was a good student who was
13 kind to everybody and an inspiration to everyone; he
14 distinguished himself early on as a leader; and

15 WHEREAS, Kevin joined the Marine Corps shortly after
16 graduation, but as far back as junior high, he listed "Navy
17 Seal" in his yearbook as what he wanted to be when he grew up;
18 he never had a single doubt about their mission and believed
19 they were helping to free the people of Iraq; and

20 WHEREAS, Kevin is survived by his father and mother, Philip
21 and Catherine Clarke, and his sisters, Cynthia and Kathryn;
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that together with his
25 family, friends, fellow members of the United States armed
26 forces, and the citizens of this State and this great nation,
27 we mourn the passing of Marine Cpl. Kevin M. Clarke and we
28 extend to his family our sincerest condolences; and be it
29 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
3 sympathy.